

## POICE JOTTINGS.

Old Timers Meet Again After Long Separation.

One Wore the Blue and the Other the Gray.

HEARD ON THE PICKET

Exchange Compliments at a Dangerous Time.

Are Arraigned Together Today Before Judge Umy.

After living in Topeka a score of years each unknown to the other, two old soldiers, one of the Union army and one of the Confederacy, with a unique acquaintance and friendship formed during the battles of the Wilderness met for the first time since that memorable year in the police court room, both answering a charge of drunkenness.

Both veterans are now old and gray. Jack Patterson of the Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania regiment has passed his 73rd birthday and P. J. Stanford of the Fourth command of Virginia cavalry is 65 years of age. But in the days of the rebellion and the long and tedious campaign of the Wilderness both were hardy and daring. The Wilderness was full of skirmishes and strategy and a careful watch and picket line were always kept with utmost diligence. Patterson, out on the picket line one night when the moon shone beautifully through a mass of drifting clouds, stepped unobtrusively about listening and trying to peer through the darkness at each faint light from the moon. Suddenly he heard a small movement to his right and instantly his rifle sprang to his shoulder. But he did not fire, for a voice came from a stump not twenty feet away. "You move, old pal, or I'll put a sinker in you," it said. "But how far out are you?" "None of your business; how far are you?" "About a quarter of a mile I guess. Pickets several hundred yards may be just now, let's talk it over and be sociable for a minute." "Same here. Lonely, ain't it? Got any tobacco?" "With the extend 'chew of peace,'" the two came together and shook for a short armistice. "How the thunder did you Yanks get over here?" We thought you were a general miles away," asked the south. "And you Johnnies, where the h— did you come from, thought you were down by that infernal little creek," replied the north. "But say, how's that? That week you have you got? If I take the fellows a little o' that they'll make me a general." "Take the whole twist, friend, with best regards for your taste. We've got lots of it—but that's all. Can you get me a sack of the black brew some day? Guess we'll still be here tomorrow. If you see a red rag on a bush, I'm in it and if you don't want to get shot say, 'D— the mosquitoes' and whistle a little—and don't forget that coffee."

Several times later the men met on friendly terms and then brought comrades for a swift game of sevenup where a few minutes served to decide to whom belonged the spoils of the rapid stolen campaign. Then a skirmish ensued and they were lost to each other. Patterson is now sleeky and much contented. To alleviate his suffering yesterday he took too much of the distillation and was locked up. Stanford was accused of drinking by his landlady and ordered out of the house. He went to seek another room and was arrested trying to get through the lines though he does not think he was drunk.

Owing to the law of preference to old soldiers the old veterans were excused for their deportment and released by the police judge.

Adelia.

### CHAPTER 3.

With the dreadful turn affairs had taken the wife began to recall things Frank had told her and the course he had pursued during the latter months of their married career. He received a salary of \$125 a month but she never had seen a cent of his money. Her own property was fast being used up paying bills incurred by him as well as herself. It began to dawn upon her that his one desire was to get all her property away from her. He had offered investments for the money and had suggested mortgaging the home which belonged to her. He had made her a beautiful birthday present of a horse and buggy in his pretended infatuation—but later on the bills for the same came to her for payment.

More than a hundred dollars were found to have been left to their securities to pay, and affairs with his insurance company were not always square as shown by a letter from his manager. He continually wanted to get money from Adelia and her folks to pay for something or finance some wildcat scheme.

Upon her refusal, Frank became furious and threatened her with all sorts of degradation. "You do as I tell you to, come through when I say so, or I'll ruin your reputation and make your daughter ashamed to face her friends," he had sworn. She became afraid of him and dared not appear on the streets but that he followed her every step.

Feeling certain that the outrageous, terrible charge brought against her by her persecutor was made in a fulfillment of his threats, Adelia employed a private detective to work on the case and thwart the purpose of her tormentor to defame her good name and disgrace her family.

That a young man should call upon her need not indicate disorderly conduct as charged by the violent husband to the police. That was the first trace of inventive construction on the part of Frank which led to the suspicion that he was "jobbing" the whole deal. Then his remark that he would want the officers soon and his query if they would help him, further aided the clue. Gilson did not know the man who gave him the address nor he did not know the woman he met there. But at the precise minute when he arrived there, Frank was at the police station getting the officers to go down and confront the pair with his vicious charge.

All these points seem to tend toward the conclusion that the accusation on the part of the husband to furnish evidence in the divorce case and to defame and disgrace the wife whom he took to protect and defend against the world.

Adelia, however, has in her possession papers and documents and receipts which in the opinion of counsel will present evidence adequate to free her from her persecutor and restore her good name.

(To be continued.)

### CARD GAME LASTED 20 YEARS.

Pedro Championship of Mancelona, Mich., Settled at Last.

Mancelona, Mich., April 17.—To engage in a twenty-year battle is the unique experience of Mr. David Lazelle and Mr. J. W. Wallace of this city. Mr. Wallace, the younger of the two, was the winner of the contest, which ended last week. Both men are now well along in years, being sixty-four and seventy-five respectively. Twenty years ago both of these men were champion Pedro players. Each heard of the other's skill and for that reason each kept away from the other. Pedro playing was the craze at that time, however, and there were many who wished to see a match between these two champions. Finally the match was arranged by their wives.



David Lazelle at Left; J. W. Wallace at Right.

Lazelle had promised his wife to challenge Wallace and Wallace had promised his wife to challenge Lazelle, each lady being desirous that her lord and master should prove his superiority over the husband of the other. Both men were foxy, although woman's wit finally overcame their side-stepping ability.

It was at a social affair that the climax came by their good playing rapidly forged ahead until both arrived at the head table at the same time. Everyone there was expecting something, and the old residents of the village say it was a momentous occasion, fully as momentous as when the governor of North Carolina met the governor of South Carolina in the old days. Everybody ceased to play in order to hear what was coming.

Lazelle looked at Wallace and Wallace looked at Lazelle.

Then the audience heard Lazelle challenge Wallace again.

"I'll play you ten straight games for the championship of Mancelona," said Wallace finally. That was the end of the matter and there the contest started, not to end until last week, 1909, the object being for one man to win ten games in succession.

Day after day or night after night, since then they have played, the contest finally becoming so monotonous to all but the contestants that the villagers ceased to watch the games. Many and many a time one of the men needed but a few games to end the series, but luck always turned. A few years ago they played all night. By a strange trick of fate, each man would get eight or nine games and then luck would turn and he would lose one, and although the only stop made was for a midnight supper, when morning came the contest was just where it started.

And so it continued for two score of years until that fateful night when Wallace led trumps five times in succession, and then he carefully guarded Pedro held by Lazelle, looked at the tally and reached his hands across the table.

"You won, John," said he.

"You have, Dave," said John. "I'll challenge you for another."

"I'm too old," remarked Dave, and slipped away to his home to break the news to his wife.

### SUCCEEDS TEDDY BEAR.

Billy Possum Is Now a Candidate for Public Favor.

New York April 10.—The country will soon be afflicted with Billy Possums. Toy manufacturers who within the last two years have put on the American market an estimated five million of Teddy bears are now preparing an estimated output of one million Billy Possums. If the million sell—and the American public accepts the successor to the Teddy bear—it is probable that the manufacture will expand in quantity even that of the favorite of the last four years.

The possum was adopted by President Taft while he was in the south. Hence its name. The picture above shows a real live possum as he actually is. The possum is well known in the south, and has been a southern by-word for ages. But he is a comparative stranger to the northerner.

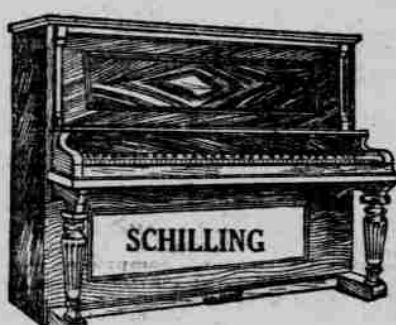
Down in Owensburg, Ky., is one southerner at least who doubts the ability of Billy possum to make good as the successor to the Teddy bear.

An Expert Opinion. "Billy possum may be the logical successor of the Teddy bear, but he is not going to be the household pet that some folks imagine," says Colonel William Godkin of Owensburg.

"No, sir; not with folks who know of the peculiar habits and traits of the William Possum family," continued Colonel Godkin. "A Teddy bear

braced up on a sofa pillow will stay put—will remain right there and not cause any streak of misery through the whole family. That is just where a Billy possum is different from a Theodore bruin. Mr. Possum will calmly eat all of the red 'welcome-to-our-happy-home' thread out of the sofa pillow, chew the leg off the grand piano in the music room, and bite his initials in the polished sideboard. He is a born thief and will give a pet crow cards and spades in stealing everything that is not red hot or slid down.

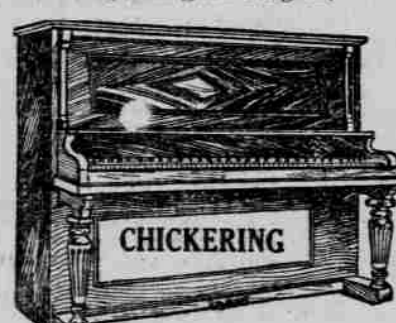
His Peculiar Habits. "Then his cursed idea of cleanliness causes trouble. A possum, you know, insists on washing everything he eats. Down in my home near Owensburg we have a big old-style well, like grandfather used to dig and wall up with limestone. My boy got a pet possum a year or two ago and the beast o' bur-



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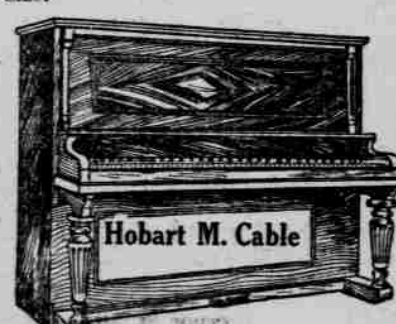
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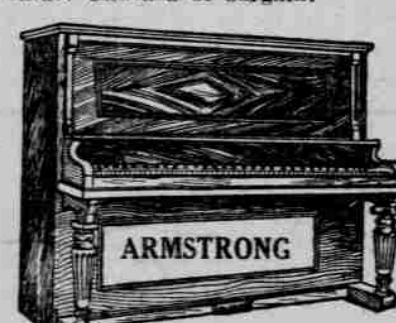
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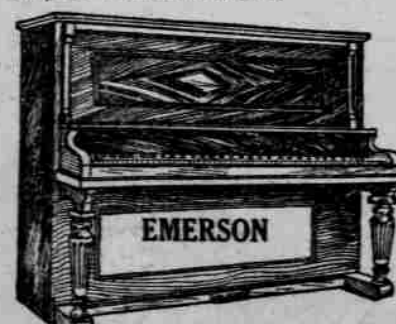
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